

## Lease No. \_\_\_\_\_

(A) **DELAY RENTAL:** The parties hereto agree that this is a Paid-Up Lease with no further Delay Rental and/or Delay in

**Marketing payments due to Lessor during the primary term hereof.**

(B) **ROYALTY:** To pay Lessor as Royalty, less all taxes, assessments, and adjustments on production from the Leasehold, as follows:  
1. **OIL:** To deliver to the credit of Lessor, free of cost, a Royalty of the equal one-eighth (1/8) part of all oil and any constituents thereof produced and marketed from the Leasehold.

2. **GAS:** To pay Lessor an amount equal to one-eighth (1/8) of the revenue realized by Lessee for all gas and the constituents thereof produced and marketed from the Leasehold, less the cost to transport, treat and process the gas and any losses in volumes to point of measurement that determines the revenue realized by Lessee. Lessee may withhold Royalty payment until such time as the total withheld exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(C) **DELAY IN MARKETING:** In the event that Lessee drills a well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith that Lessee deems to be capable of production, but does not market producible gas, oil, or their constituents, therefrom and there is no other basis for extending this Lease, Lessee shall pay after the primary term and until such time as marketing is established (or Lessee surrenders the Lease) a Delay in Marketing payment equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment, and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect to the same extent as payment of Royalty.

(D) **SHUT-IN:** If at any time there is a well on the Leased Premises capable of producing gas, but the well has stopped being produced for a lack of a market or other good cause and this Lease is not being continued in force by some other provision hereof, then it shall nevertheless continue in force for a period of ninety (90) days from the date such well is shut-in or the date this Lease ceases to be continued in force by some other provision hereof, whichever is the later date, and prior to the expiration of such ninety (90) day period and annually thereafter, Lessee may pay or tender to Lessor an advance royalty called "Shut-In Gas Royalty" in an amount equal to \$1.00 per acre for the acreage then held under this Lease by such well and so long as such payments or tenders are so made this Lease shall continue in force and effect and it shall be considered that gas is being produced from the Leased Premises.

(E) **DAMAGES:** Lessee will remove unnecessary equipment and materials and reclaim all disturbed lands at the completion of activities, and Lessee agrees to repair any damaged improvements to the land and pay for the loss of growing crops or marketable timber.

(F) **MANNER OF PAYMENT:** Lessee shall make or tender all payments due hereunder by check, payable to Lessor, at Lessor's last known address, and Lessee may withhold any payment pending notification by Lessor of a change in address. Payment may be tendered by mail or any comparable method (e.g., Federal Express), and payment is deemed complete upon mailing or dispatch. Where the due date for any payment specified herein falls on a holiday, Saturday or Sunday, payment tendered (mailed or dispatched) on the next business day is timely.

(G) **CHANGE IN LAND OWNERSHIP:** Lessee shall not be bound by any change in the ownership of the Leasehold until furnished with such documentation as Lessee may reasonably require. Pending the receipt of documentation, Lessee may elect either to continue to make or withhold payments as if such a change had not occurred.

(H) **TITLE:** If Lessee receives evidence that Lessor does not have title to all or any part of the rights herein leased. Lessee may immediately withhold payments that would be otherwise due and payable hereunder to Lessor until the adverse claim is fully resolved.

(I) **LIENS:** Lessee may, at its option, pay and discharge any past due taxes, mortgages, judgments, or other liens and encumbrances on or against any land or interest included in the Leasehold; and Lessee shall be entitled to recover from the debtor, with legal interest and costs, by deduction from any future payments to Lessor or by any other lawful means.

(J) **CHARACTERIZATION OF PAYMENTS:** Payments set forth herein are covenants, not special limitations, regardless of the manner in which these payments may be invoked. Any failure on the part of the Lessee to timely or otherwise properly tender payment can never result in an automatic termination, expiration, cancellation, or forfeiture of this Lease. Lessor recognizes and acknowledges that oil and gas lease payments, in the form of rental, bonus and royalty, can vary depending on multiple factors and that this Lease is the product of good faith negotiations. Lessor hereby agrees that the payment terms, as set forth herein, and any bonus payments paid to Lessor constitute full consideration for the Leasehold. Lessor further agrees that such payment terms and bonus payments are final and that Lessor will not seek to amend or modify the lease payments, or seek additional consideration based upon or any differing terms which Lessee has or will negotiate with any other lessor/oil and gas owner.

(K) **PAYMENT REDUCTIONS:** If Lessor owns a lesser interest in the oil or gas than the entire undivided fee simple estate, then the rentals (except for Delay Rental payments as set forth above), royalties and shut-in royalties hereunder shall be paid to Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

**UNITIZATION AND POOLING.** Lessor grants Lessee the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or parts of the Leasehold with other lands, whether contiguous or not contiguous, leased or unleased, whether owned by Lessee or by others, at a time before or after drilling to create drilling or production units either by contract right or pursuant to governmental authorization. Pooling or unitizing in one or more instances shall not exhaust Lessee's pooling and unitizing rights hereunder, and Lessee is granted the right to change the size, shape, and conditions of operation or payment of any unit created. Lessor agrees to accept and receive out of the production or the revenue realized from the production of such unit, such proportional share of the Royalty from each unit well as the number of Leasehold acres included in the unit bears to the total number of acres in the unit. Otherwise, as to any part of the unit, drilling, operations in preparation for drilling, production, or shut-in production from the unit, or payment of Royalty, Shut-in Royalty, Delay in Marketing payment or Delay Rental attributable to any part of the unit (including non-Leasehold land) shall have the same effect upon the terms of this Lease as if a well were located on, or the subject activity attributable to, the Leasehold. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the leasehold acres ascribed to the Lease and the local property tax assessment calculation of the lands covered by the Lease, Lessee may, at its option, rely on the latter as being determinative for the purposes of this paragraph.

**FACILITIES.** Lessee shall not drill a well within 200 feet of any structure located on the Leasehold without Lessor's written consent. Lessor shall not erect any building or structure, or plant any trees within 200 feet of a well or within 25 feet of a pipeline without Lessee's written consent. Lessor shall not improve, modify, degrade, or restrict roads and facilities built by Lessee without Lessee's written consent.

**CONVERSION TO STORAGE.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to convert the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith to gas storage. At the time of conversion, Lessee shall pay Lessor's proportionate part for the estimated recoverable gas remaining in any well drilled pursuant to this lease using methods of calculating gas reserves as are generally accepted by the natural gas industry and, in the event that all wells on the Leasehold and/or lands pooled/unitized therewith have permanently ceased production. Lessor shall be paid a Conversion to Storage payment in an amount equal to Delay Rental for as long thereafter as the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is/are used for gas storage or for protection of gas storage; such Conversion to Storage payment shall first become due upon the next ensuing Delay Rental anniversary date. The use of any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas will extend this Lease beyond the primary term as to all rights granted by this Lease, including but not limited to production rights, regardless of whether the production and storage rights are owned together or separately.

**TITLE AND INTERESTS.** Lessor hereby warrants generally and agrees to defend title to the Leasehold and covenants that Lessee shall have quiet enjoyment hereunder and shall have benefit of the doctrine of after acquired title. Should any person having title to the Leasehold fail to execute this Lease, the Lease shall nevertheless be binding upon all persons who do execute it as Lessor.

**LEASE DEVELOPMENT.** There is no implied covenant to drill, prevent drainage, further develop or market production within the primary term or any extension of term of this Lease. There shall be no Leasehold forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation for failure to comply with said implied covenants. Provisions herein, including, but not limited to the prescribed payments, constitute full compensation for the privileges herein granted.

**COVENANTS.** This Lease and its expressed or implied covenants shall not be subject to termination, forfeiture of rights, or damages due to failure to comply with obligations if compliance is effectively prevented by federal, state, or local law, regulation, or decree, or the acts of God and/or third parties over whom Lessee has no control.

**RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.** If at any time within the primary term of this lease or any continuation thereof, Lessor receives any bona fide offer, acceptable to Lessor, to grant an additional lease ("Top Lease") covering all or part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have the continuing option by meeting any such offer to acquire a Top Lease on equivalent terms and conditions. Any offer must be in writing and must set forth the proposed Lessee's name, bonus consideration and royalty consideration to be paid for such Top Lease, and include a copy of the lease form to be utilized reflecting all pertinent and relevant terms and conditions of the Top Lease. Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt from Lessor of a complete copy of any such offer to advise Lessor in writing of its election to enter into an oil and gas lease with Lessor on equivalent terms and conditions. If Lessee fails to notify Lessor within the aforesaid fifteen (15) day period of its election to meet any such bona fide offer, Lessor shall have the right to accept said offer. Any Top Lease granted by

Lessor in violation of this provision shall be null and void.

**ARBITRATION.** In the event of a disagreement between Lessor and Lessee concerning this Lease, performance thereunder, or damages caused by Lessee's operations, the resolution of all such disputes shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. All fees and costs associated with the arbitration shall be borne equally by Lessor and Lessee.

**ENTIRE CONTRACT.** The entire agreement between Lessor and Lessee is embodied herein. No oral warranties, representations, or promises have been made or relied upon by either party as an inducement to or modification of this Lease.

**TITLE CURATIVE.** Lessor agrees to execute affidavits, ratifications, amendments, permits and other instruments as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this lease.

**SURRENDER.** Lessee, at any time, and from time to time, may surrender and cancel this Lease as to all or any part of the Leasehold by recording a Surrender of Lease and thereupon this Lease, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall terminate as to the part so surrendered; provided, however, that upon each surrender as to any part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have reasonable and convenient easements for then existing wells, pipelines, pole lines, roadways and other facilities on the lands surrendered.

**SUCCESSORS.** All rights, duties, and liabilities herein benefit and bind Lessor and Lessee and their heirs, successors, and assigns.

**FORCE MAJEURE.** All express or implied covenants of this Lease shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations hereunder, or Lessee's fulfillment of its obligations hereunder are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by fire, flood, adverse weather conditions, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strike or labor disputes, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause not reasonably within Lessee's control, this Lease shall not terminate, in whole or in part because of such prevention or delay, and, at Lessee's option, the period of such prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable in damages for breach of any express or implied covenants of this Lease for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or failure is the result of any applicable laws, rules, regulations or orders or operation of force majeure.

**SEVERABILITY.** This Lease is intended to be in conformity with all laws, rules, regulations and orders and interpreted as such. If any provision of this Lease is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

**COUNTERPARTS.** This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Lease and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

**ASSIGNMENTS.** The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns; however, no change in the ownership of the land, rentals or royalty or the division thereof however accomplished shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee. No change in the ownership or the division of the land or royalties shall be binding upon the Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after Lessee shall have been furnished the instrument or instruments or recorded copies thereof resulting in such change.

**FREE WILL.** Be it known that Lessor has read this Lease and the decision made by Lessor in signing this Lease is made after fully researching this matter independent of any other information provided by any person or entity. Lessor agrees to sign this agreement of their own free will and Lessor was in no way coerced to sign said Lease by any person or entity.

**IF THIS LEASE BECOMES FORFEITED, TERMINATED, OR EXPIRES, THE LESSEE, OR IF THE LEASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED, THE ASSIGNEE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A DOCUMENT CANCELING THE LEASE AS OF THE RECORD, AT NO COST TO THE CURRENT LANDOWNER. IF THE LESSEE OR ASSIGNEE FAILS TO CANCEL THE LEASE, THE CURRENT LANDOWNER MAY COMPEL A CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-304 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION LAW.**

THIS IS A LEASE OF OIL AND GAS RIGHTS, NOT A SALE, CONTAINING TERMS THAT MAY BE NEGOTIATED BY YOU. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS LEASE WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER EXECUTION OF THE LEASE BY NOTIFYING THE LESSEE THAT YOU HAVE CANCELED THIS CONTRACT. IN ORDER TO CANCEL THIS LEASE, YOU MUST EXECUTE A NOTICE OF CANCELLATION IN THE FORM PROVIDED BELOW, MAIL IT TO THE LESSEE AND REFUND ALL AMOUNTS PAID TO YOU BY THE LESSEE WITHIN THE THREE-DAY CANCELLATION PERIOD. THE MAILING MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN THE THREE-DAY CANCELLATION PERIOD TO BE EFFECTIVE.

#### **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

I/WE HEREBY CANCEL THIS LEASE.

DATED:

SIGNATURE(S):

THE PERSON PRESENTING THIS LEASE TO YOU IS ☐ NOT ☐ A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN AND THEREFORE IS ☐ IS NOT ☐ SUBJECT TO A CODE OF CONDUCT. IF THE PERSON PRESENTING THIS LEASE TO YOU IS SUBJECT TO A CODE OF CONDUCT, A COPY OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT MUST BE PRESENTED TO YOU WITH THIS LEASE. IF APPLICABLE, THE CODE OF CONDUCT PROVIDES A DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM FOR ANY DISPUTE THAT YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MANNER BY WHICH THIS LEASE WAS PRESENTED TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUCH DISPUTE, YOU MAY INVOKE THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT BY CONTACTING THE PERSON OR PERSONS DESIGNATED IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT. THE FAILURE OF THE LESSEE TO PAY ANY ROYALTIES TO YOU AS REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LEASE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OR MORE SHALL BE A DEFAULT UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, AND WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE LEASE APPLICABLE TO THE TARGET FORMATION OF THE WELL WITHIN THE SPACING UNIT, FOLLOWING WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE LESSEE OF YOUR INTENT TO CANCEL AND SIXTY DAYS FOR THE LESSEE TO CURE THE DEFAULT. IF THE LESSEE HAS A BONA FIDE DISPUTE REGARDING THE GROUNDS FOR CANCELLATION, SUCH DISPUTE AND THE REASONS THEREFORE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU IN WRITING OR THE DEFAULT MUST BE CURED WITHIN SUCH SIXTY-DAY PERIOD, OTHERWISE THE LEASE SHALL BE CANCELED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor hereunto sets hand and seal.

Subscribing Witness

Matthew B. Flanery

(Seal)

Gerald L. Chesebro  
Gerald L. Chesebro

Date of Execution

12-10-08

Subscribing Witness

(Seal)

Date of Execution

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBSCRIBING WITNESS

State of New York

County of Onondaga

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 2008 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Matthew B. Flanery, the subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument, with whom I am personally acquainted, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she/they reside(s) in Keller, Texas; that he/she/they know(s) Gerald L. Chesebro, to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument; that said subscribing witness was present and saw said Gerald L. Chesebro, execute the same; and that said witness at the same time subscribed his/her/their names(s) as a witness thereto.

My commission expires

Feb 7, 2010

Signature / Notary Public

Lisa M. Stever  
Lisa M. Stever

Name / Notary Public (print)

LISA M. STEVER

Notary Public in the State of New York

Qualified in Oswego County No. 4844266

My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2010

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of \_\_\_\_\_ before me, the undersigned, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Signature / Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Name / Notary Public (print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Addendum

*Attached hereto and made a part of that certain Paid-Up Oil and Gas Lease dated December 10, 2008, by and between Gerald L. Chesebro as "Grantor" and New York Shale Gas, LLC, as "Grantee."*

- 1. LOCATION. Lessor and Lessee to mutually agree on all wellsite, access road and pipeline locations on these leased premises, not to be unreasonably withheld by the Lessor.*
  
- 2. In the event that Lessee utilizes the surface of the Leasehold for a drillsite location, Lessee shall pay to Lessor as pre-negotiated, liquidated damages not subject to future recalculation the one-time sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for all damages and losses caused by operations hereunder to timber, permanent pastures, livestock, growing crops, fences, water and irrigation wells, including but not limited to damages for roads, locations, pipelines, etc. on or across the lands and to any physical structures on the land caused by any and all operations under this Lease. For the purposes hereof, the drillsite location shall include the actual well site, and the area utilized for tank batteries, pits, pipelines, separators, dehydrators, treaters, compressors, and other equipment, together with the area utilized for access roadways, if any, constructed by Lessee."*